

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	van der Burg, et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/642,384
Filed	:	August 15, 2003
For	:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DELIVERING A LEFT ATRIAL APPENDAGE CONTAINMENT DEVICE
Examiner	:	Michael H. Thaler
Group Art Unit	:	3731

**MISCELLANEOUS LETTER AND PRELIMINARY REPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED DECEMBER 26, 2006**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.